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CLOSURE OF CSIR LABS AT COCHIN
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken decision to close the CSIR labs at Cochin;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether some sections have opposed the move for closure; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a)&(b) : No Sir. The two units at Cochin which have been closed, are only the outreach centres of two of the CSIR national Labs./Instts viz. National Environmental Engineering Research Institute(NEERI) Nagpur and Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI), Karaikudi. These are not the main CSIR labs.The performance, relevance and future potential of the aforementioned Centres was reviewed by an Expert Committee and closure at their present location was decided. However, centre of National Institute of Oceanography(NIO), Goa will continue to operate at Cochin.

(c)&(d) : A few requests were received from public representatives to continue the two centres. The Government has explained the rationale of the closure of these centres to these public representatives.